

# St. Leo's Catholic School

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Dear Parents,

Every Wednesday afternoon I have the privilege of teaching in St Catherine's while Greg takes an extension art group. We have a great bunch of senior pupils and I look forward to spending time with them each week. I have been teaching them about having a growth mindset. This is a valuable tool for the children as it allows them to realise that they can achieve if they keep trying and that making mistakes is part of the learning process. I have included a link to a 5 minute video which you may like to look at, that shows how we can foster growth mindset thinking in our children.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKisdb9tBYg>

## Speech Competition

Molly Claxton and Joseph Wolfkamp represented St Leo's at the Peninsula Schools Speech competition and they were excellent role models for our school. I was very proud of both of them. They both rose to the occasion and delivered their speeches confidently. Molly went on to win the competition. This is a first for our school and very well deserved by Molly.



## ERO visit

Next week the Education Review Office (ERO) will be visiting our school to assess how our school is achieving and to provide information to schools, parents, communities and the government to assist decision making. We will welcome them at a special St Leo's assembly on Monday morning at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to join us at the assembly.

## School Fair

Last week you would have received communication about the fair. It is crucial that we have enough support to make this happen. We only have a small PTFA group and it is too much to expect them to run the fair alone. Please help out by offering your skills to the PTFA. We really want to make this a success in our Jubilee year. There could be a number of past pupils from out of town who could be visiting our school fair this year.

## Jubilee Bookings

There may be a little confusion over the ticketing for the Jubilee celebrations so I will endeavour to clarify the details for the day. As we are expecting a large number of past pupils to be attending the Jubilee, the 11am Mass is not compulsory for the school families. You may prefer to attend your usual Mass at 9am or 5.30pm on Saturday. I would like all children to be available for the ceremony in the Hall at 12.15pm. The children will be performing items during the ceremony. Afterwards they will receive a free sausage sizzle lunch.

School families will need to log into [trybooking.co.nz/LN](http://trybooking.co.nz/LN) to register the children so we can cater accurately. Parents can then decide whether they would like to have a catered lunch

for \$30 which includes registration, a meal and tea or coffee. The other option is to pay \$5 which covers registration, tea or coffee.

Each newsletter I will update you with what will be happening over the busy Fair/Jubilee weekend.

### **Mufti day fundraiser**

On Friday (tomorrow), the children will be allowed to wear yellow themed mufti for a gold coin donation for fundraising for the Paralympics. Renee's niece, Sarah Ellington, is a paralympian cyclist and medal winner. She will be coming to school to speak to the children. Parents are welcome to join us in the hall at 9am if you would like to hear about her interesting journey to becoming a New Zealand paralympic representative.

### **Daffodil Day**

Thank you to those parents who donated money for Daffodil Day. We raised \$84 for the Cancer Society.

### **Soup day**

After our Matariki evening in the last week of Term 2, we had a lot of vegetables and some chicken left-over. Rather than waste it, along with some extra veges from our vege garden, Renee and I made some delicious soup which we then froze. Tomorrow (Friday) we will heat up the soup for any of the children who would like some. Just send your child along with a mug for the soup to be served in. There will be no cost for this.

### **Student Led Sharing of Learning**

Don't forget to make a booking for the Student Led Sharing of Learning meetings. School will close at **1pm on Tuesday 25 September** to allow for the meetings to take place. I will send home information about the meetings soon. You can make bookings by visiting **[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the event code a3fn** or click on this link **<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=a3fn5>**

### **Mathematics survey**

Thank you to all the families who have completed the Mathematics survey.

### **Class trips**

Our Year 1 to 3 children all went to MOTAT for a trip to learn about the manufacturing process and looking after our world as part of their topic study. They had a great time.

### **Blokes night inn**

Thank you to all involved in this wonderful fundraiser. Sounds like it was a most enjoyable evening for our male folk.

### **Catholic Character**

St Catherine and St Dominic will be celebrating their class buddy Mass on Friday. A reminder that next **Sunday, 16th September**, we will be having our **Family Mass at 9am**. After the success of the last Mass, we have decided it is better for the children to sit with their families. If you cannot make it to the Family Mass, please let the office know.

### **PTFA Sausage sizzle**

Next Friday 14 September, the PTFA will be having another sausage sizzle.

Kind wishes,  
Maureen Harris,  
Principal

## **Important Notices**

### **Enrolments for 2019**

Enrolments are open for 2019. If you know of any families who would like to join our school family please encourage them to contact Renee in the office. If you have a pre-schooler who is not yet enrolled please also see Renee.

### **Lost Property**

Could you please check to see that your child has the correct uniform. There are several uniform items missing.

### **Yummy Stickers**

Thank you to those families who are collecting yummy stickers. These are due back to school by Friday 21 September.

### **Sports uniforms**

Could all netball uniforms and Rippa Rugby jackets please be returned to the office washed and dried, before the end of the term.

### **Celebration Book**

Congratulations to the following children:

Jack Copus - achieved blue belt in karate

Flippa Ball team won 5 - 4

Molly Claxton won the Peninsula Speech Final

Joseph Wolfkamp also represented St Leo's at the Peninsula Speech Final

St Leo's Legends basketball team won 10 -8

Natasha Busch player of the day in basketball

St Leo's Celtics basketball team won 34- 5

Aimee McGivern was awarded a cup at the North Shore Swim Club annual prize giving for being the best performing swimmer in her group.

Ex-pupil Cooper Firkin was successful in his audition to perform with the Royal NZ Ballet in The Nutcracker and with the Imperial Russian Ballet in Sleeping Beauty

### **Dates for your diary**

Friday 7th September	Spirit of Gold Paralympic Fundraiser - dress in gold/yellow. Bring a gold coin Assembly - Paralympic Cyclist to speak Buddy Mass - St Catherine & St Dominic 12.00pm
Friday 14 September	Assembly Sausage Sizzle lunch
Week 9	Arthritis Appeal Week
Tuesday 18 September	Cricket skills day
Thursday 20 September	Cricket skills save day
Friday 21 September	Buddy Mass - St Clare, St Francis, St Patrick 12.00pm Yummy sticker charts due back to school
Tuesday 25 September	Student Led Conferences - school closes 1pm
Wednesday 26 September	Devon 7's tournament
Friday 28 September	Assembly Term 3 ends

As things can change and be added please be sure to keep an eye on the calendar on our website and app.